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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the West, mostly higher elsewhere. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was light to moderate, best for features and into food service. Supplies were adequate to closely cleared on lighter weights with heavier sizes at least adequate. In the parts structure, supplies of breast items had become more available, and all other parts were more than sufficient to satisfy the light buying interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

**Final report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 10/18-10/23/99 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Includes branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	48.00-49.00	48.83	18	52.70	32
Chicago	43.00-46.00	46.03	48	48.62	77
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	54.80	27
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	58.43	15
Denver	63.50	63.40	17	62.18	30
Detroit	43.00-45.00	46.63	15	50.95	43
Los Angeles	64.00	62.81	61	60.84	168
New York	45.00-49.00	48.07	33	55.20	91
Philadelphia	42.00-47.00	46.56	9	47.52	22
Pittsburgh	44.50-45.00	45.00	10	52.11	57
St. Louis	46.25	45.74	20	49.43	44
San Francisco	64.50	63.40	31	65.46	63

### Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	10/18/99	Change/Last Wk	10/11/99	10/19/98
669	55.36	1.58	53.78	67.60

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	49.00-54.00	50.67	34
Central	49.00-54.00	53.31	52
West	55.00-65.00	60.22	56

### Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	57.00-58.00	57.18	82
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**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 58.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,165	44.00-61.25	57.66

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice pack parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	150.00	4,122
BREASTS - WHOLE	71.00	2,111
THIGH MEAT - B/S	58.00	574
LEG QUARTERS	19.50	8,835
WINGS	57.50	3,027

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**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally fair. Offerings of all sizes were able to meet current needs, and larger sizes continued to be in the most available position. Retail and distributive demand was about moderate. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts market, bone-in breasts appeared to be in a better balanced position than last week, and the remainder of items were at least adequate.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Movement was light to moderate with mixed trading. Supplies were sufficient to closely cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading for breast items was fair to fairly good, light to fair for the remaining items. Availability was adequate to fully sufficient, sometimes close balanced for bone-in breasts. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The market was steady. Offerings adequate. Retailer demand moderate. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiated wog average was 53.56, 5.02 higher than last week with 28 loads traded, unchanged from last week.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices for this week's deliveries into Chicago, St. Louis and Detroit were higher, all other areas TFEWR from last Tuesday's reported prices. Trade sentiment on whole broiler /fryers was at least steady. Retail demand was seasonally slow with light weekend clearing noted. Food service movement was fair to fairly good. Floor stocks were irregular with increasing difficulty in maintaining balance reported. Sizes desirable to heavy. Parts trading was light to moderate at best. Supplies were adequate to ample with breast items more available. The trade sentiment was generally steady on all parts items.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally fair to good and was sufficient to keep the bulk of seller offerings clearing satisfactorily. 3 pound and smaller sizes were adequate to closely cleared while heavier sizes were at least adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 49 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate, particularly boneless skinless. Other items were adequate and in fairly decent balance.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

CITY FROM DELMARVA	<b><u>BRANDED U.S. GRADE A</u></b>
RANGE	47-71
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	51.93
NO. OF BOXES	9,781

\*6 of 8 plants reporting.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying interest was generally typical for the middle of the month. Offerings of bone-in breasts seemed to decrease in availability following the weekend, and all other items were at least adequate for immediate needs. Retail and distributive movement was about moderate. The market tone was usually steady.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135	141.46	351,520
TENDERLOINS	150	149.89	79,560
BREAST - WITH RIBS	61-62	69.50	272,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	61	64.99	4,070
LEGS	25-26	30.15	218,930
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16-17	18.46	385,441
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	31.45	108,440
THIGHS	17-18	26.67	116,840
B/S THIGHS	69-70	74.09	44,480
WINGS (WHOLE)	57-58	65.64	170,650
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.80	40,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	57.56	53,136
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	49.32	40,560

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

#### ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	694	130.00-149.00	130-140	138.49
TENDERLOINS	192	151.00-196.00	-	166.65
BREAST - WITH RIBS	486	59.00-69.00	64	63.81
FRONT HALVES	440	45.00-53.00	49-53	48.09
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	261	15.00-18.00	15	15.62
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,821	17.00-18.00	-	17.31
WINGS (WHOLE)	200	47.00-51.00	48-51	48.40
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	NO TRADING REPORTED			

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	10/18	10/14	10/14	10/11	10/07
ALA	3,860	3,804	5.09	3,617	5.14
ARK	5,281	5,096	4.73	5,667	4.53
DELMARVA	2,321	2,423	5.00	2,443	5.02
KY-LA-TN	1,523	1,811	4.40	1,664	4.49
MISS	2,663	2,794	5.04	2,740	5.12
NC	2,615	2,555	5.70	2,379	5.69
TEXAS	2,102	2,054	4.72	2,047	4.69
TOTAL	20,365	20,537	4.96	20,557	4.95
MON	20,365(A)			20,557(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-Oct 1999 is estimated to be 30,468,000 down 1.23 percent from a week ago and up 5.91 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,848,000, last year 28,767,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND. **POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	620	130.00-181.00	130-140	138.34
TENDERLOINS	122	145.00-200.00	-	187.38
BREAST - LINE RUN	72	68.00-75.00	-	68.49
FRONT HALVES	45	46.00-51.00	-	47.11
LEGS	86	22.00-33.00	22-23	23.00
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	387	14.00-18.00	14-15	15.36
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,260	16.50-20.00	18-19	19.02
WINGS (WHOLE)	126	56.00-56.50	-	56.32
WINGS (CUT)	493	59.00-76.00	63-65	65.78
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	84	50.50-68.00	-	53.74

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
TRADING FOR OCTOBER 18, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

	TODAY'S RANGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
	30.00 - 34.50	31.24

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**MIDWEST REGION PARTS** PRICES PER LB., ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 10/18-10/22/99

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	130.00 - 147.00	135.00 - 140.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	62.00 - 73.00	62.00 - 67.00
LEGS	26.00 - 36.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	15.00 - 23.00	17.00 - 19.00
DRUMSTICKS	28.00 - 36.00	26.00 - 28.00
WINGS (WHOLE)	50.00 - 68.00	51.00 - 53.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 12.00	-
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25.00 - 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	30.00 - 48.00	-

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

CENTS PER POUND.	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	76-91
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	79-97
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	88-93
FROZEN DUCKS	135-149
FROZEN SQUABS	589

#### DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	80-82
ROASTERS 4# & UP	82-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	83-88
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	309
RABBITS-CUT UP	326

#### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

##### DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	107
	ICE PACK	91-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104
	DRY PACK	112
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	98
	ICE PACK	91
DUCKS		149-166

**EASTERN REGION** PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 15-OCT-99

**CHICKEN PRICES**

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN		FRESH	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
RANGE	16.00-18.00	18.50	17.00	18.00
WTD AVERAGE	17.20	18.50	17.00	18.00

1,466,000 pounds, this includes 320,000 pounds for export shipment.

**CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN**

15% OR LESS  
 RANGE - 17.00-17.50 15.00 16.00-17.00  
 WTD AVERAGE 17.25 15.00 16.67  
 480,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.  
 15-20%  
 RANGE 15.75 - 13.00-16.00 13.00-15.00  
 WTD AVERAGE 15.75 13.25 14.65  
 1,900,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE  
 RANGE - - 13.50 -  
 WTD AVERAGE 13.50  
 120,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.  
 \* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Prices were slightly lower compared to the past week. Demand was light to moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-OCT-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-19.5	10-11	12.05

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**CENTRAL REGION** PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 15-OCT-99

**CHICKEN PRICES**

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN		FRESH	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

**CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN**

15% OR LESS  
 RANGE - - 14.00 -  
 WTD AVERAGE 14.00  
 40,800 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.  
 15-20%  
 RANGE 15.00 - 11.00-15.00 13.50-16.00  
 WTD AVERAGE 15.00 11.43 14.00  
 1,774,000 pounds, this includes 571,200 pounds for export shipment.  
 20% OR MORE  
 RANGE - - - -  
 WTD AVERAGE  
 0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.  
 \* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Majority trading was unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were fully adequate for a moderate but slightly improved demand. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-OCT-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-16	7.75-14.5	10.65
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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